THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TBE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS A3SD FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-DO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of DPEA Funds

1324. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of« CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question No. 315 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Law Ministry advised the Ministry in 1990-Sl that provision for using DPEA funds be incorporated into DPCO, 1987, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a ifact that former Development Commissioner (PI) was sitting over these paper and that he has not mentioned even during the review of 1986 policy that such an advice has been obtained from Law Ministry;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that nei ther the Minister.in-charge nor tbe Committee of Secretaries have been informed of the position, if so, what are the full facts and who is responsi ble for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-DO FALEIRO): (a) Provision for using DPEA Funds already exists under paragraph 14(2) of the Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Clearance to Pepsi and Indian organic Chemical Limited Project

1325. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a feet that the foreign Investment Promotion Board has cleared a joint project between Pepsj and Indian Organic Chemicals Limited for manufacturing plastic PET bottles and import Of plastic waste from the United States:

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian and United States have not signed any waste trade agreement and hence it is violation of International law;

(c) wnether Government are aware of the serious environmental and ii^aitn pxoijiems *in-* the event of import oii plastic waste; and

[I so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUAR-*JJU* I'-aLElRO): (a), (c) and (d) Govt, of India has approved in October, 1993 a 100' per cent EUU project ot Pepsico Inc., USA for manufacture oi 20,000 MT_S Of Virgin Polyester chips of Beverage bottle grade. The project is being implemented by a company viz. M,s. Futura Polymers L^d. wuieh is a joint venture of Indian Organic $Chemical_s$ Limited (IOCL) and Pepsico having 48.72 per cent and $1,38 Per cent of equity. PET waste is not used as a raw material for this project. There is no contract between IOCL and Pensico for import of PET waste from USA.

Government are well aware of the environmnetal and health problems i^n the event of import of plastic waste. Recycling of most of the plastic is non-hazardous provided toxic material has not been stored in it. Accordingly, as per the present import policy, import of all kinds of plastic tciap/waste except PET bottle waste is permissible only against an import licence. This has been done so ag to avoid indiscriminate import of hazardous material and to encourage recycling of domestic waste oi plastics